University, approval of the Delhi Urban Arts Commission is being obtained whereafter the tenders would be invited. The construction of the two hostels is expected to be completed within a period of three years from the date of finalisation of tenders.

(e) According to the Memorandum of Understanding agreed upon by the University and the North Eastern Council, 70% of the total seats created in these two hostels will be allocated for the students of North Eastern States taking admission to post-graduate courses in the University. However, in order to avoid segregation these seats will be distributed in other hostels of the University also.

**Engineering Colleges in Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa**

3459 SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of engineering colleges existing in Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa and how many new engineering colleges have been sanctioned in these States in the year 1997-98;

(b) whether there is any competent authority existing at the State level to monitor the facilities and performance of the institutions;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The number of Engineering Colleges in the State of Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa and also those sanctioned in 1997-98 are as under:

| Name of the State | No. of existing Engineering Colleges | No. of Engineering Colleges sanctioned in 1997-98 |
|---|---|---|
| Bihar | 12 | Nil |
| West Bengal | 14 | Nil |
| Orissa | 18 | 8 |

(b) to (d) The following Regional Committees of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) are concerned with monitoring of the performance of the Engineering Colleges in these States:

| Name of the Regional Committee | Name of the State |
|---|---|
| Northern Regional Committee, Kanpur. | Bihar |
| Eastern Regional Committee, Calcutta. | West Bengal |
| Central Regional Committee, Bhopal. | Orissa |

**Refusal to issue certificate to minority Educational Institutions**

3460. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that State Governments are refusing to issue certificates to the minority educational institutions, even after the institutions' fulfilling the conditions, as per the guidelines of Central Government; and

(b) whether the Supreme Court has issued stay order for issue of such certificates; if not, whether Government will issue instructions to issue certificates to minority institutions if they satisfy the conditions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The policy norms and principles for